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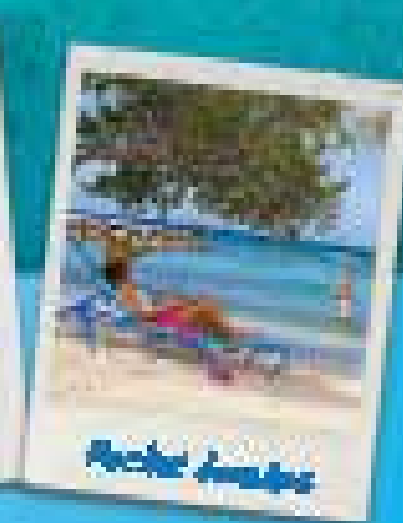
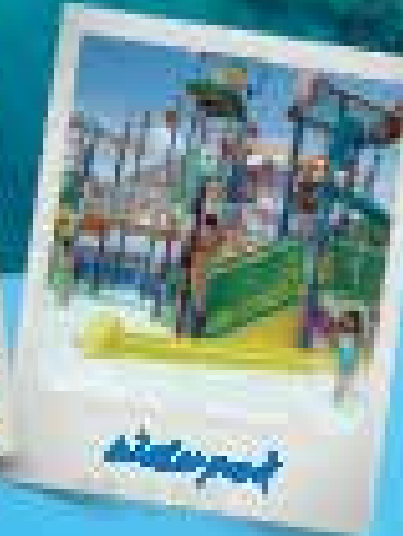
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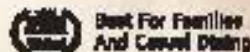
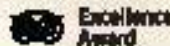
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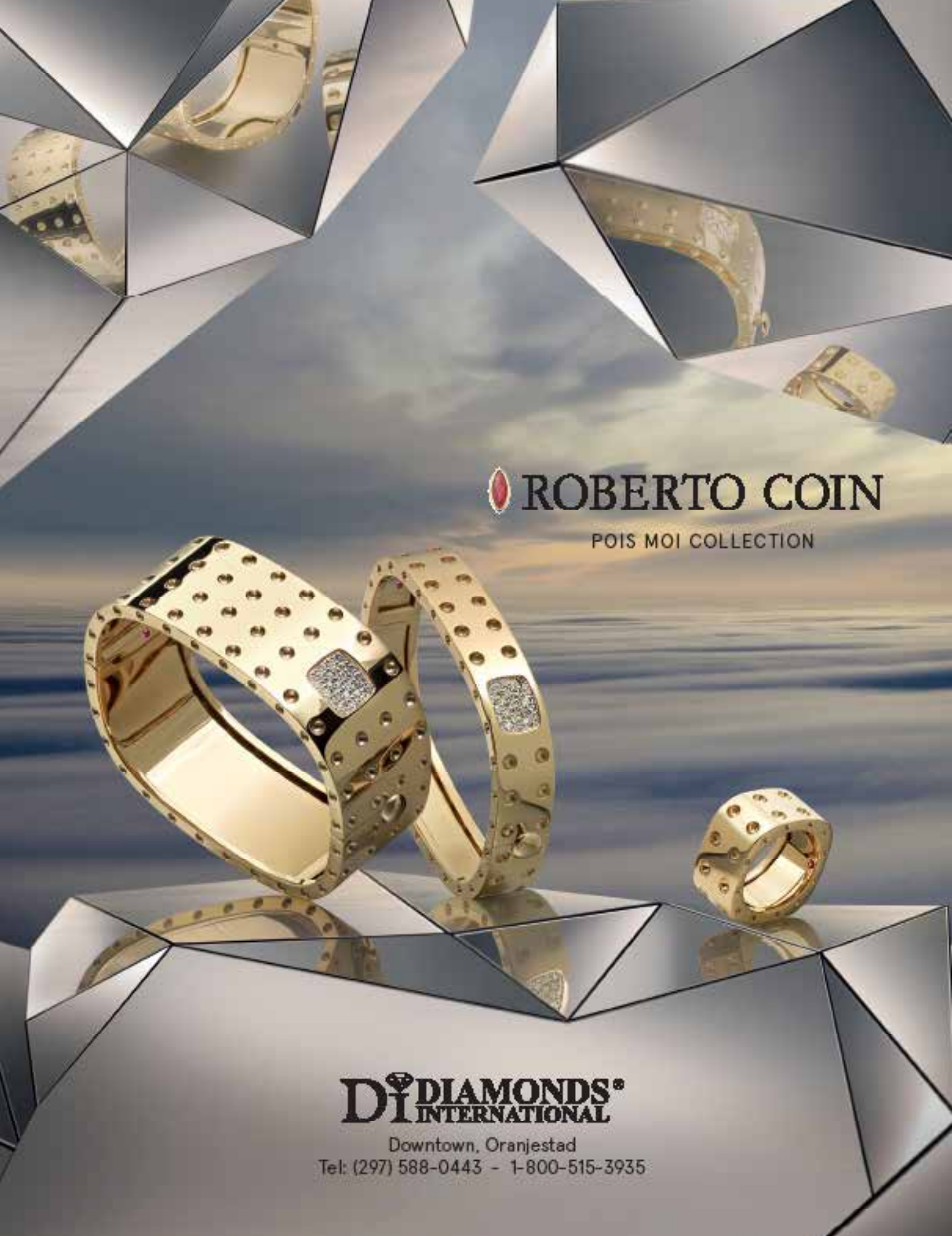
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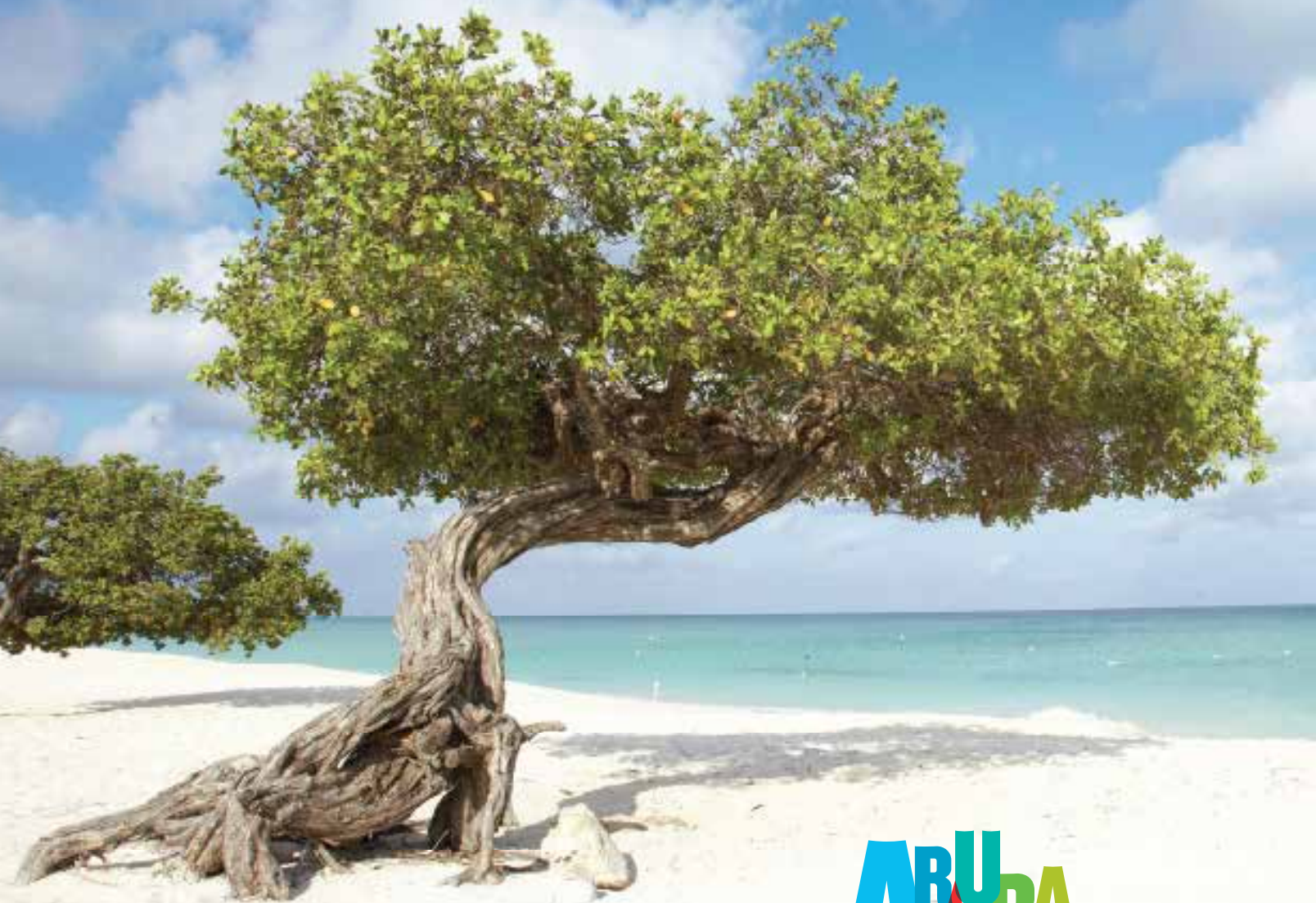
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January 1 • NEW YEAR'S DAY

Aruba welcomes the New Year with traditional music and an amazing islandwide display of fireworks. With the pop of the champagne cork at midnight, troupes of traveling musicians, known as “Dande” groups, brighten the New Year with song, bestowing blessings of goodwill and prosperity upon the local community. Aruba’s joyous holiday atmosphere can be enjoyed with just a simple evening on the beach under the stars and fireworks, or at one of the glitzy gala receptions held at various island resorts.

January-February • ARUBA'S 61st CARNIVAL CELEBRATION

Aruba’s biggest party of the year is a monthlong celebration consisting of festive “jump-ups” (street parties), spectacular parades, and musical events. Dazzling costumes and music play a central role in events ranging from the Queen Elections to the Grand Parades, which wind their way down the streets of San Nicolas and Oranjestad to the delight of thousands of spectators. The Grand Parade in Oranjestad will take place February 15, 2015.

January 25 • BETICO CROES DAY

Aruba pays tribute to its greatest statesman on his birthday. The late Gilberto Francois “Betico” Croes helped Aruba obtain its “Status Aparte” (separate status) within the Dutch Kingdom. This official holiday features various cultural and sporting events, as well as popular games held at various venues on the island.

January 25 • BETICO CROES MEMORIAL 10K RUN & 5K FUN WALK

Calling all runners! Betico Croes’ hometown of Santa Cruz sponsors an amateur road race through the hilly, scenic terrain of that area. The circular route takes runners through residential neighborhoods and back to the main intersection of Santa Cruz. Avoiding the hotter hours of the day, the starting pistol sounds at 6:00 p.m. Open registration through IBISA at Tel:

(297)-582-4987, Fax: (297)-583-6478, or Email: ibisaaruba@gmail.com.

February 18 • ASH WEDNESDAY

This Christian event is prominently marked on the island at our many Catholic churches and begins the official start of the Lenten season. Locally, Ash Wednesday also represents the end of the Carnival season.

March 15 • 30th ARUBA INTERNATIONAL HALF MARATHON (21 K)

International competitors participate in Aruba’s longest road race, covering the length of the island from San Nicolas to Oranjestad. The race begins at 5:00 a.m. Registration on Feb. 8, 2015. Contact IBISA at Tel: (297) 582-4987, Fax: (297) 583-6478, or Email: ibisaaruba@gmail.com / juan.dake@aruba.gov.aw for additional information or registration.

March 18 • NATIONAL FLAG AND ANTHEM DAY

A strong sense of pride is displayed each year as Arubans celebrate their “Status Aparte” on Flag and Anthem Day. An impressive folkloric production marking the holiday is held each year at Plaza Betico Croes in Oranjestad. This official holiday also features many cultural events showcasing the local gastronomy of Aruba, as well as sporting events and organized games for both adults and kids around the island.

April 3 • GOOD FRIDAY

Official holiday

April 5-6 • EASTER SUNDAY AND EASTER MONDAY

Official holidays

April 22 • EARTH DAY

The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. Growing out of the first Earth Day, Earth Day Network works with over



22,000 partners in 192 countries to broaden, diversify, and mobilize the environmental movement. Here on Aruba, many resorts and businesses celebrate Earth Day with interactive events and activities to promote awareness.

April 14-25 • 13th AHATA RECYCLED ART COMPETITION

This public awareness campaign for adults and kids promotes the collection and re-use of old articles to create recycled art. Last day for registration is April 5. Contact AHATA at Tel: (297) 582-2607, Fax: (297) 582-4202, or Email: vanessa@ahata.com. Exposition Venue: Cas di Cultura

April 26 • 55th INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD RACE (10K)

Aruba's most popular running race draws over 200 competitors from countries including Aruba, Venezuela, Colombia, the Netherlands Antilles, USA, and Holland. The 10K event starts at 5:30 p.m. on L.G. Smith Blvd. and ends at the Marriott parking lot. Entry forms will be issued in February. Contact Vanessa Tromp at Tel: (297) 593-5801 or Email: arruwac@gmail.com for additional information.

April 27 • KING'S BIRTHDAY

An official government ceremony in honor of King Willem Alexander is followed by numerous sporting events and family-friendly celebrations. Sports competitions, kite-flying contests, and fun-filled activities are held at various sites including community centers.

May 1 • LABOR DAY

Official holiday

May 1-3 • SAIL ARUBA 2015

To be held at the Port of Oranjestad, this is the largest event commemorating the 200-year existence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Visitors will be able to enjoy a wide range of festivities, including a Seafood Festival, Sail-in Cinema, Sail Aruba Races, miniature boat races, walking tour in Oranjestad, live music, refreshment tents, a BBQ Cook-Off, and to top

it all off, a final night of international music. For information and updates, follow us on www.facebook.com/sailaruba or visit our webpage, www.sailaruba.com, which will be up and running in November. Contact Sanne Fetlaar at Tel: (297) 736-2012 for additional information.

May 14 • ASCENSION DAY

Official holiday

May 20-25 • 15th EDITION ARUBA SOUL BEACH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2015

Held on Memorial Day weekend, the Aruba Soul Beach Music Festival is a star-studded, two-night concert series that has featured such artists as Maze, Sean Paul, Chaka Khan, Wyclef Jean, India Arie, the Gap Band, Boyz II Men, Lauryn Hill, Nina Sky, Anthony Hamilton, Alicia Keys, Brian McKnight, Wayne Brady, Estelle, Jamie Fox, Etana, Common, Toni Braxton, MJ Blidge, Joe Thomas, Raheem DeVaughn, Jennifer Hudson, Christie Michele and Heads of State, R Kelly, LL Cool J, Ledisi, Melanie Fiona, Ne-yo, D'Angelo, Elle Varner, Tamia, Sinbad, Damon Williams, BabyFace, Ashanti, SWV, and Robin Thicke. Venue: TBD. Contact Aruba Tourism Authority at Tel: (297) 582-3777 or Fax: (297) 583-7403 or visit www.aruba.com / www.soulbeach.net for additional information.

June 24 • DERA GAI (ST. JOHN'S DAY)

Aruba's harvest festival is now a cultural celebration featuring traditional song and dance. The symbol of the rooster and bright yellow and red costumes are central to events held at various locations including community centers. Tel: (297) 582-2185 / www.gobierno.aw.

June 28 • 29th ARUBA TRIATHLON OLYMPIC

International competitors participate in a triathlon comprised of a 1.5 km swim, 40 km bike race, and 10 km run. Beginners can test their endurance in the triathlon that includes a 750 km swim, 20 km bike race, and 5 km run. Beginning at Eagle Beach, the event is planned on a safe and closed circuit. More



than 100 athletes are expected to participate in this event hosted by the Aruba Triathlon Association. For registration and information contact Glenda Croes-Tromp at Tel: (297) 594-0067 or Email: arubatriathlon@hotmail.com / Glenda_croes@hotmail.com. Website: www.arubatriathlon.com.

July 7-13 • 29th ANNUAL ARUBA HI-WINDS

Aruba's trade winds provide the perfect conditions for the largest amateur windsurfing event in the Caribbean. Exciting windsurfing and kite boarding competitions in various categories are held in the waters off Hadicurari Beach (Fisherman's Huts). There are five days of non-stop entertainment, beach parties, events, and activities. Contact the Aruba Tourism Authority at Tel: (297) 582-3777 or Fax: (297) 583-7403 or visit www.aruba.com or www.aruba-hiwinds.org for additional information.

Aug.14-16 • ARUBA REGATTA 2015

This sailing event features fun, action, and competitions among international yachts, catamarans, Sunfish sailboats, and windsurfers during the day, combined with music, parties, and dinners at night. Contact the Organizing Committee at www.arubaregatta.com, Tel: (297) 565-6887, or Email: eric@arubaregatta.com for registration and additional information.

Aug. 20-24 • 21st ANNUAL ARUBA INTERNATIONAL PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT

Professional and amateur golfers team up in a two-day, 36-hole tournament featuring gifts, prizes, and special events. Contact Tierra Del Sol at Tel: (297) 586-7800, Fax: (297) 586-4970, or Email: adam.williamson@tierradelsol.com. More information can also be obtained through Aruba Tourism Authority at Tel: (297) 582-3777, Fax: (297) 583-7403, or Email: a.boekhoudt@aruba.com.

Aug. 29-Sept.1 • ONE COOL SUMMER INTERNATIONAL DRAG RACE

This exciting international drag racing competition will take place at the Palo Marga International Raceway Park. Contact Lucho Werleman at Tel: (297) 593-4125 or Email: luchotowing@hotmail.com.

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September • ELECTRIC FESTIVAL 2015

This hip, two-day event features world-renowned DJs such as Chuckie, Erick Morillo, Begovic, and Nutbeatz and musical artists like Slash. Organized by GM Affairs in conjunction with the Aruba Tourism Authority, Amsterdam Dance Event, Eventpro, ID&T, and Dirty Dutch. For additional information, contact Davina Mansur at Cell: (297) 592-6965 or Email: info@electricfestival.com or visit the website www.electricfestival.com. Venue: Beach adjacent to Nikki Beach.

September 6 • 35th TURIBANA TO SANTA CRUZ 10K RACE

A unique way to experience an Aruban sunrise is during this open-road race that starts at 5:30 a.m. at Panaderia del Campo in Noord and finishes at the Betico Croes Sports Complex in Santa Cruz. Registration begins on August 20, 2015. Contact IBISA at Tel: (297) 582-4987, Fax: (297) 583-6478, or Email: ibisaaruba@gmail.com for additional information or registration.

September • 22nd ANNUAL ARUBA REEF CARE PROJECT

If you are in search of a great eco-tourism opportunity, join more than 800 participants from both the local community and those visiting us from abroad for the island's largest volunteer initiative. A cleanup of the island's most popular beaches and dive and snorkel sites helps raise awareness for a clean marine environment. Contact Mr. Castro Perez at Tel: (297) 740-0797 or Email: castroeperez@gmail.com for additional information.

October • INTERPASO 2015

Interpaso in Aruba is a showdown of the best Paso Fino horses from Latin America and the Caribbean competing in different categories. Interpaso is organized by OCA, the Aruban Horse Riding Organization. A must-see if you enjoy Paso Fino show horses, horse riding, horse competitions, and an exciting local ambiance! Contact Mr. Alex Cybul at Tel: (297) 594-2495 or Email: ocaboard@ocaruba.com for additional information.



October • 4th ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE FOOD TRUCKS

Experience Aruba’s food truck culture combined with live musical performances from local bands and deejays. Venue: Tropicana Aruba Resort & Casino

October 2-3 • 9TH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN SEA JAZZ FESTIVAL ARUBA 2015

This annual festival ignites Aruba’s music scene with an impressive lineup of international and local jazz, Latin, soul, and funk musicians at Renaissance Market Place. It is not only about music; the vibrating atmosphere, food stands, and numerous bars make this an unforgettable, unique experience. There is a four-day warm-up preceding the festival, held at smaller, intimate venues. Famous featured artists at past festivals include George Benson, Angie Stone, Eddie Palmieri, Marcus Miller, Isaac Delgado, Candy Dulfer, Raul Midon, Richard Bona, Izaline Calister, David Sanborn, Moon Baker, The Ploctones and Tango Extremo, Chaka Khan, Oscar d’ Leon, Pete Philly, Randy Bracker, Giovanca, El Gran Combo de Puerto Rico, Jose James, Willy Garcia, Prince Royce, and Candy Dulfer. Contact Caribbean Sea Foundation at Tel: (297) 5880211 or Email: info@caribbeanseajazz.com or visit www.caribbeanseajazz.com for additional information. Venue: Renaissance Marketplace downtown.

October 4 • 31st FIRE PREVENTION 10K & 5K RUN

Don’t forget to pack your running shoes! This race is open to all local and visiting runners (and walkers!) and follows a circular route that begins and ends at the Fire House in Tanki Flip. The race begins at 4:00 p.m. Registration begins on September 24, 2015. Contact IBISA at Tel: (297) 582-4987, Fax: (297) 583-6478 or Email: ibisaaruba@gmail.com for additional information or registration.

Oct. 26-Nov.1 • ARUBA INTERNATIONAL BIKE WEEK

Didn’t bring your Harley with you? No worries—just watching hundreds of bikes parade around the island is a remarkable sight to see! The annual international bike event attracts bikers

from several countries who ship their motorcycles here to participate in the festivities. Contact Mr. Rudy Croes at Tel: (297) 593-5344 or Email: croesrudy@gmail.com or Mr. Nahar at Tel: (297) 593-0014 or Email: ttt.riders.aruba@gmail.com.

November 8 • 12th ANNUAL NATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

Sponsored by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association, this national cleanup day concentrates on areas near and along the coastline. Contact AHATA at Tel: (297) 582-2607, Fax: (297) 582-4202, or Email: vanessa@ahata.com for more information.

November 9-15 • ARUBA INTERNATIONAL BEACH TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Aruba’s international beach tennis event is the premier tournament in the Caribbean. International beach tennis pros and amateurs travel from around the world to compete in the prestigious tournament and take part in the festive beach-chic ambiance on gorgeous Eagle Beach. Contact Sjoerd de Vries at Tel: (297) 593-6512 / (297) 583-7074, Fax: (297) 588-4278, or Email: sjoerd@tennisaruba.com or visit www.arubabeachtennis.com for additional information.

December 5 • SAINT NICOLAS DAY

Aruba’s children line Oranjestad harbor for the ceremonious arrival by boat of “Sinterklaas” (Saint Nicolas), dressed in bishop’s robes and accompanied by his “Zwarte Pieten” (helpers).

For days before Sinterklaas’ birthday on December 5, children leave out their shoes and treats for Sinterklaas’ white horse in anticipation of his nighttime visits and gifts. Sinterklaas and his helpers appear at many daytime events throughout the island.

December 25 • CHRISTMAS

Official holiday

December 26 • BOXING DAY

Official holiday



December 27 • DANDE FESTIVAL

In Aruba's biggest traditional music event, more than 50 singers accompanied by typical musical groups present their original compositions and lyrics as well as the traditional Dande song. A Dande group is a troupe of traveling musicians brightening the New Year with a song bestowing blessings, goodwill, and prosperity. Time: 8 p.m. Venue: TBA.

Weekly Events

BONBINI FESTIVAL

Bonbini means "Welcome!" in Papiamentu, and this weekly folkloric music and dance festival is the perfect introduction to the warmth and hospitality of Aruba's people. The Bonbini Festival takes place in downtown Oranjestad in the outdoor courtyard of Fort Zoutman, Aruba's oldest building. Catch the flavor of the island, its history, people, music, and cuisine during this entertaining evening held every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

CARUBBIAN FESTIVAL

The Carubbian Festival takes place in San Nicolas every Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., showcasing the multicultural charms of Aruba's "Sunrise City." The center of activities is a stage area around which the audience can relax and enjoy a taste of delicious Aruban and Caribbean cuisine and a parade of local entertainers. Closed to traffic, the main street is a pedestrian mall with fun activities for the whole family, filled with colorful booths selling food, handicrafts, and souvenirs. Packages including round-trip transportation are sold at hotels.

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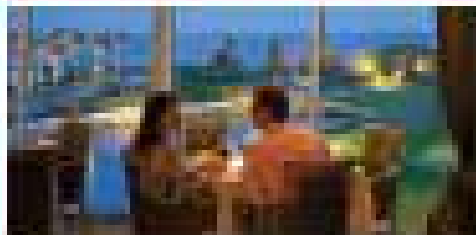


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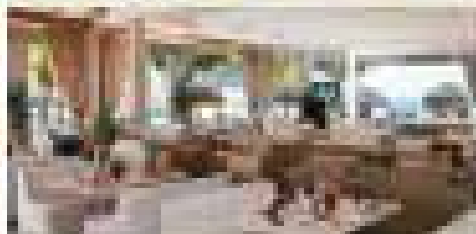
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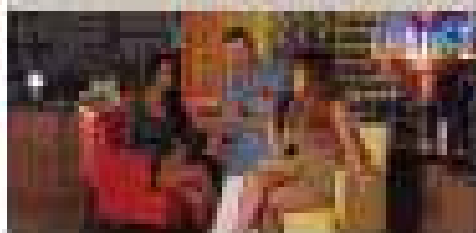
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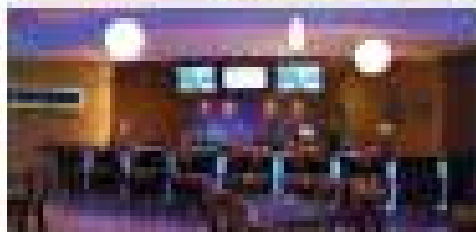
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Aruba North Coast

A trek across Aruba's North Coast

This is how the idea came up. My friend Lisette casually strolled into our weekly Friday evening meditation group and said, "I hiked from lighthouse to lighthouse today." She stated it in such a nonchalant manner that I was not sure I had heard right and had to ask, "You mean from Seroe Colorado to the California Lighthouse?" "It only took about ten hours," she smugly replied.

During the ensuing hour of sitting in silence, I had to fend off the thoughts of Lisette's feat. My imagination piqued, I contemplated the countless vistas that a walk across the entire north coast of Aruba would offer. A few days later I asked in a group email, "Who wants to walk from lighthouse to lighthouse with me?" The responses gradually trickled in and ranged from "What the?!" to "Sorry, I have to wash my hair that day." Only my friend Mariza had a positive reply for me. It seems she is as prone as I am to reckless physical behavior and possesses an equally deluded sense of ability.

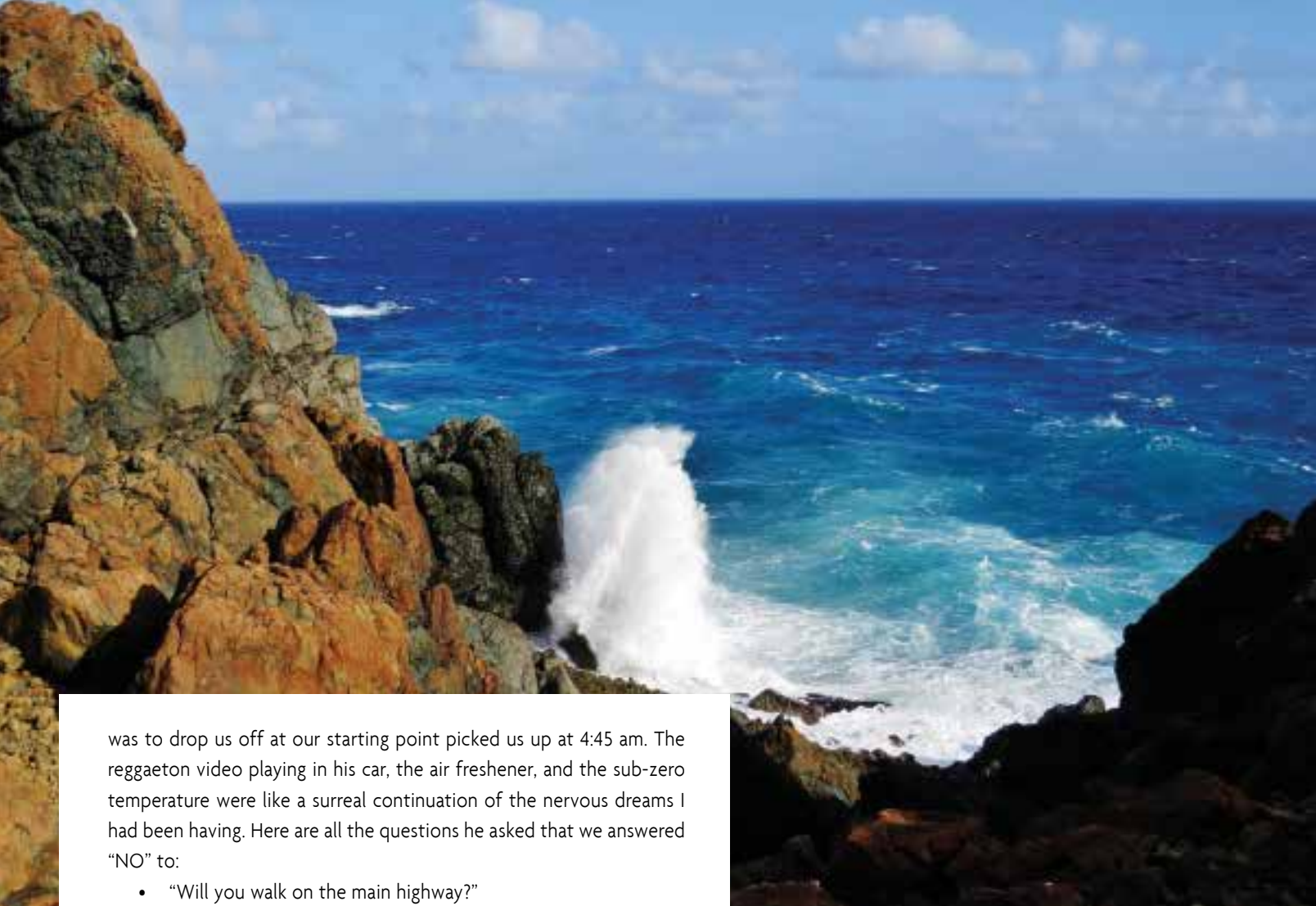
Neither of us is in what you would call excellent physical condition. We are not really serious hikers (i.e. we don't own hiking shoes), and although we walk the occasional ten-kilometer race, we had not since our youth attempted anything close to the 34 kilometers that our adventure would call for.

Despite Lisette's recommendation to pack lightly, we crammed our backpacks in preparation: flashlight, sunblock, plastic bags, four bottles of Gatorade, some cash, hats, flip-flops, walking sticks, camera, and (at least in my case) a carefully calculated assortment of snacks to be eaten at the mark of each passing hour. The snacks were arranged in a Ziploc bag in ascending order of deliciousness, meant to function as a motivating device throughout the hike.

After a night of anxious sleep on my part, the taxi driver who



Aruban icon, the Anchor in Memory of all Seamen in Seroe Colorado.



was to drop us off at our starting point picked us up at 4:45 am. The reggaeton video playing in his car, the air freshener, and the sub-zero temperature were like a surreal continuation of the nervous dreams I had been having. Here are all the questions he asked that we answered “NO” to:

- “Will you walk on the main highway?”
- “Are you hikers?”
- “Have you done this before?”
- “Isn’t it dangerous?”

To the last question, Mariza rationalized, “The only people who are awake at this hour are the healthy types.” I, on the other hand, was born in a third-world Latin American country, so I come preprogrammed with an imagination for all manner of bad things that can happen. I kept my mouth shut. Better for one of us to remain wholeheartedly optimistic. “In case we run into trouble,” Mariza continued cheerfully, “we can just pretend to be crazy. Everybody is scared of crazy people.”

The taxi driver handed us his card as he hesitantly drove away. “Call me when you finish. (Pause.) Or if you need a rescue.” As the reggaeton faded in the distance, we were left in moon shadow of the Seroe Colorado Lighthouse with the salty wind in our faces and the lights of KIA (Aruba’s prison) and the flickering stars in the distance. The first part of the walk is what I will call “The Darkness,” because, well, you can’t see very much at night. We headed down the Seroe Colorado slope in the shadows, past the Anchor in Memory of All Seamen and the sleeping convicts of KIA. This initial stretch starts at Seroe Colorado and ends at the limestone cliffs over Rincon Beach. By the time we reached the signboard that warns you of possible military





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target practice, the sun was rising behind us.

The dawn came while we walked on a gravel path next to coral shelves pounded by exploding ocean waves. Distant rainstorms over the open sea were illuminated orange by the rays of the rising sun, and the morning light reflected on the clouds ahead. Rain travels fast, I learned, and sure enough we were soon caught in a thorough shower. Hurriedly we switched footwear so as not to end up sloshing around in wet sneakers for the rest of the morning.

The enormous windmills of Arikok National Park are one of the memorable marks of this first quarter of the journey. You walk for hours, but they don't seem to get any closer. Finally, when the path takes you around the very last one of ten, you realize their gargantuan proportions. Atop each towering windmill sits a control room the size of a two-bedroom house.

At this point you enter a new road that takes you near the Guadirikiri Cave. The road is lined with limestone boulders that were quarried from the interior of the park. These beautiful stones expose the fossilized remains of ancient coral, shells, and creatures millions of years old. Some of them have crevices lined with shiny crystals. They are deserving of a stopover on their own, but since we were on a mission, we had to “drive-by appreciate” them.

Breakfast was taken at Boca Prins, our first official rest stop of the morning. The clock said we were three hours into our hike. So far, so good.

There are small paths that take you to Dos Playa without forcing you onto the main driving road. Here is where I discovered my

companion's distaste for the main road and for hills. As a motorcycle driver in her non-hiker life, she is used to seeking out narrow shortcuts. This meant that whenever we encountered a well-defined road, she was busy looking out for any track or trail that would 1) take us closer to the sea and 2) avoid hills.

From Dos Playa to Conchi, there is no discernible path. You improvise your way up the basalt outcroppings, past troops of skittish goats, and across a few unnamed bocas (coves) littered with open-ocean debris. The terrain in this section had us feeling very thankful for the broomsticks that Lisette had recommended we use as walking sticks (which we had initially questioned). When we scrambled down the last large basalt boulders, we wound up at the “Suplado”—the “Blowhole.” This is a hole in the middle of a hollow mountain into which huge waves smash, sending up a thunderous column of spray. According to Mariza, if you put a coconut in the hole, it shoots out like a cannonball when a wave crowds in. We had no coconut. We moved on.

At Conchi we had our first human contact of the morning. The tourist horde was carefully picking its way around the rocks of the churning Natural Pool. There were rough seas that morning, so no one was venturing in for a swim. Conchi was also the first opportunity of the morning to purchase drinks and snacks, but at a price. You must climb the steps all the way up to the snack truck in the parking lot, and after all the climbing we'd done already, we figured the price was literally too steep.

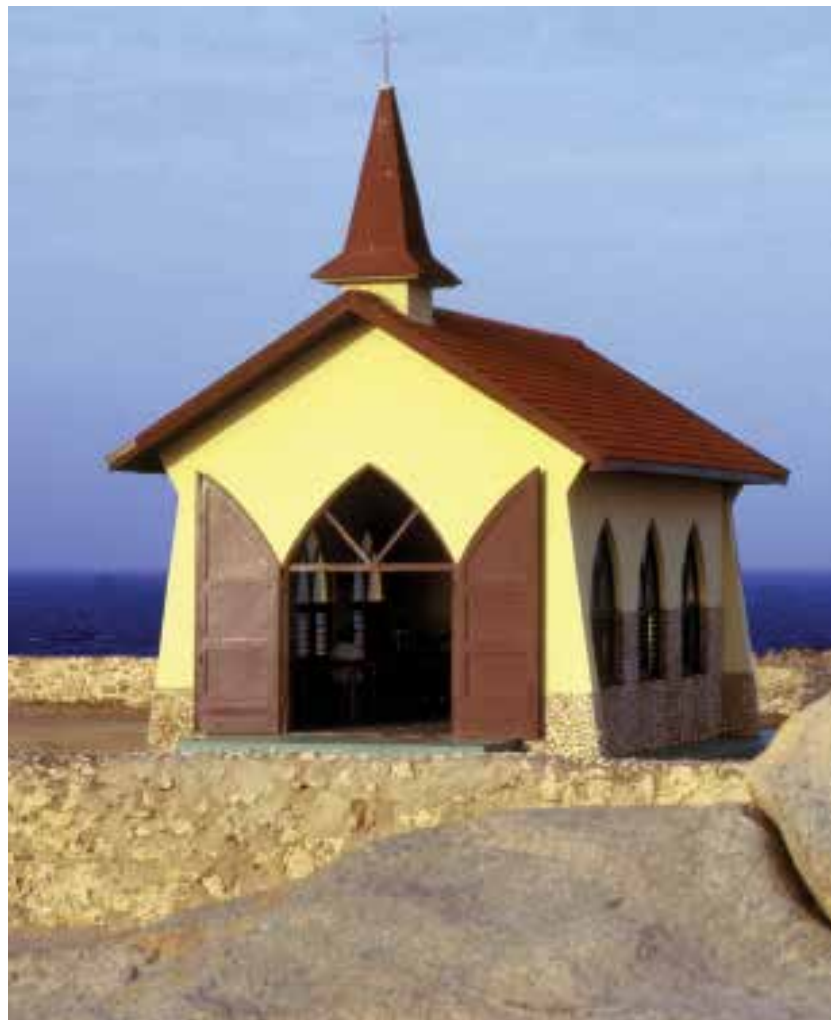
We took the low horse trail from Conchi to Daimari, which is



gentle and specked with small rock formations. This road takes you past what in my opinion is Aruba's most beautiful beach, Boca Ketu. It is only accessible by foot: human or horse. This beach is pristine and desolate. The white sands are bisected by an enormous coral mesa, a massive structure worthy of a whole university course in geology. I took my shoes off and waded into the water. My feet were thankful, but it was there that I made my fateful mistake. Elated by my feet's freedom of movement and the refreshing coolness on my toes, I decided to continue the hike in my flip-flops instead of my hiking shoes. SPOILER ALERT: Because of that rookie mistake, I later sustained a minor sprain that would eventually have me hobbling miserably along the final trails of our hike.

Reaching Andicuri promises that the Natural Bridge is nearby. This means that you are halfway there. This also means that chocolate milkshakes are available and in order. Aside from indulging in chocolaty goodness, we rested our tired feet for 20 minutes. At that point, we had been walking for five hours. It was around this point that the first doubts about our ability to complete the trek began to creep into our minds.

This first half of the journey was all changing vistas, climbs, goats, and bays. I would recommend this five-hour hike to anyone. The second half of the trip requires a more extreme temperament, because it is much more psychologically demanding. From the Natural Pool to Alto Vista, the terrain is less dynamic. You are occasionally obligated to be on the main road, where there is no



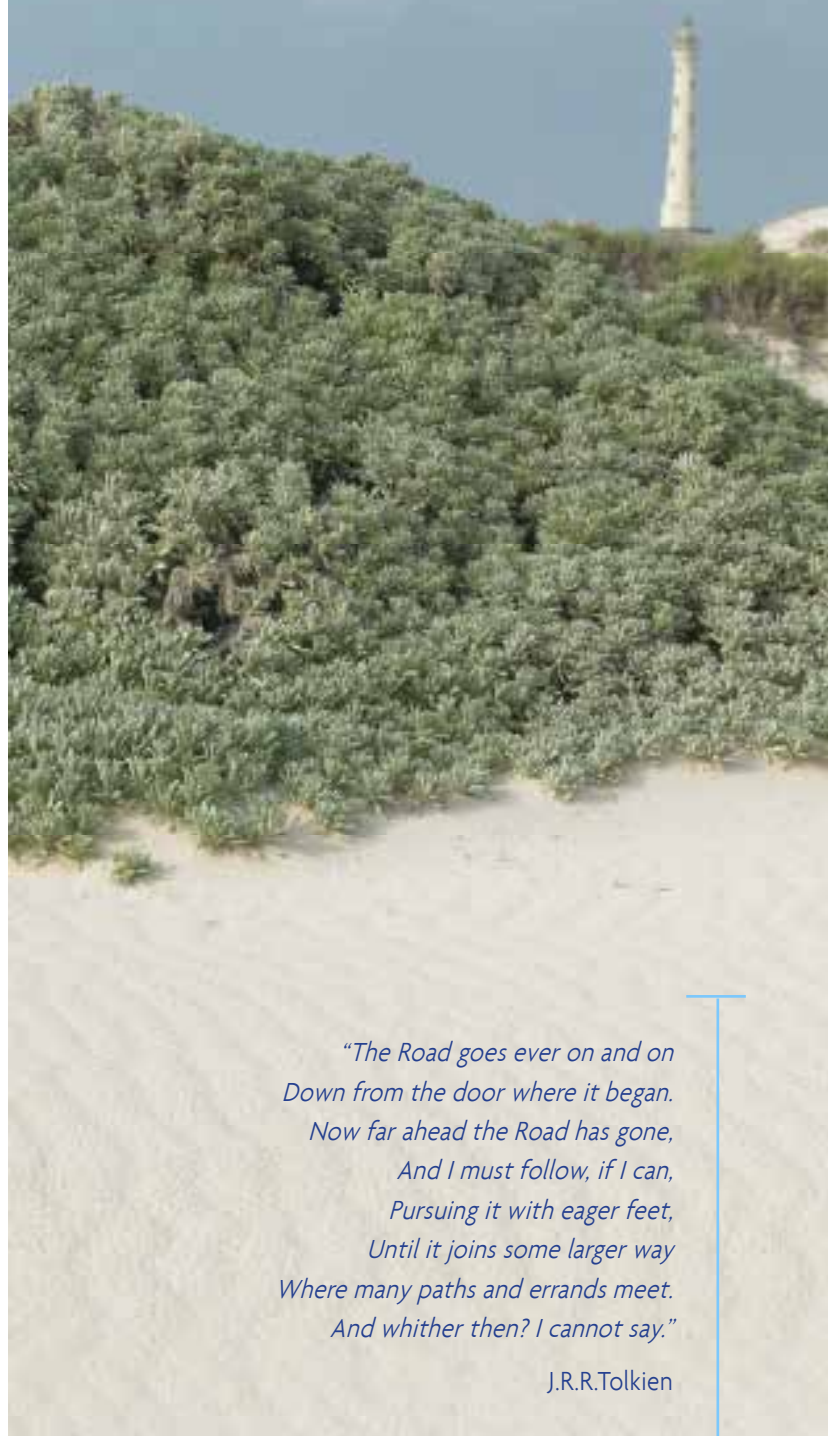
respite from the searing sun. People pass you in automobiles. The hours seem to pass more slowly. Our bodies started to let us know they were unsympathetic to our mission. We knew we were reaching our limit when instead of asking us for directions, a tourist stopped her car and, with a look of concern on her face, asked, "Are you guys ok?"

Reaching Alto Vista puts you on a narrow footpath once more. We had been walking for nine hours by the time we had a short break within sight of the Alto Vista Chapel. My favorite thing about this part of the hike is the mysteriously speckled boulders that pepper the landscape. Everywhere are beautifully smoothed tonalites, weathered and eroded elegantly, stacked onto each other, slashed with dramatic quartz or basalt veins. Mariza and I kept a lighthearted conversation about the Lord of the Rings trilogy while our bodies were trying to tell us in louder and louder voices (in the international language of pain), "Please quit."

At the ten-hour mark, we passed the world's most dangerous soccer field, improvised right atop a razor-sharp coral shelf just past Boca Cura. The California Lighthouse was our finish line, and it was now within our sights!

There is a point on this road where you start to encounter small stacks of rocks. These cairns grow in number until you cannot find a place to sit and rest without having to dismantle someone's little wish rock pile. After sweeping a jumble of rocks off of a perfect stone recliner, I collapsed and asked my companion, "Enough?"

I was lucky to be walking that day with a person who much like me is willing to take on almost any kind of adventure without blinking an eye, but also willing to abandon it without indignation or self-reproach. Satisfied and spent, we called in a rescue. Twenty minutes later we happily sat in an air-conditioned car that drove us the remaining three kilometers to the lighthouse, and then back home, where we flung off our shoes, iced our aching feet, and watched *Lord of the Rings* to put our trek into perspective. ■



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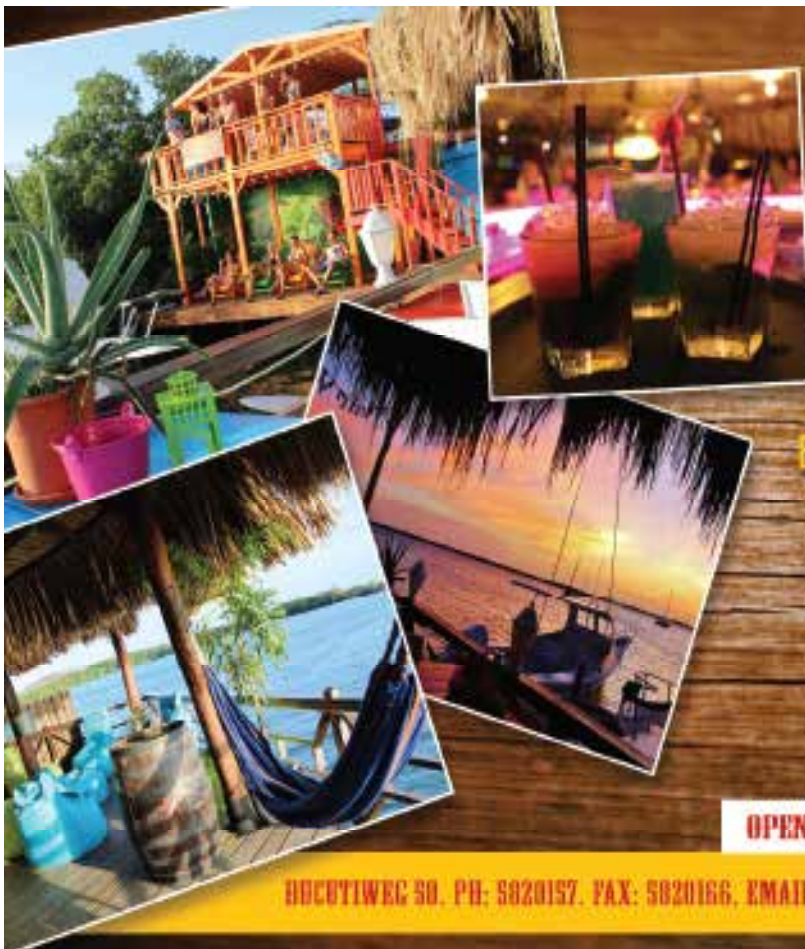
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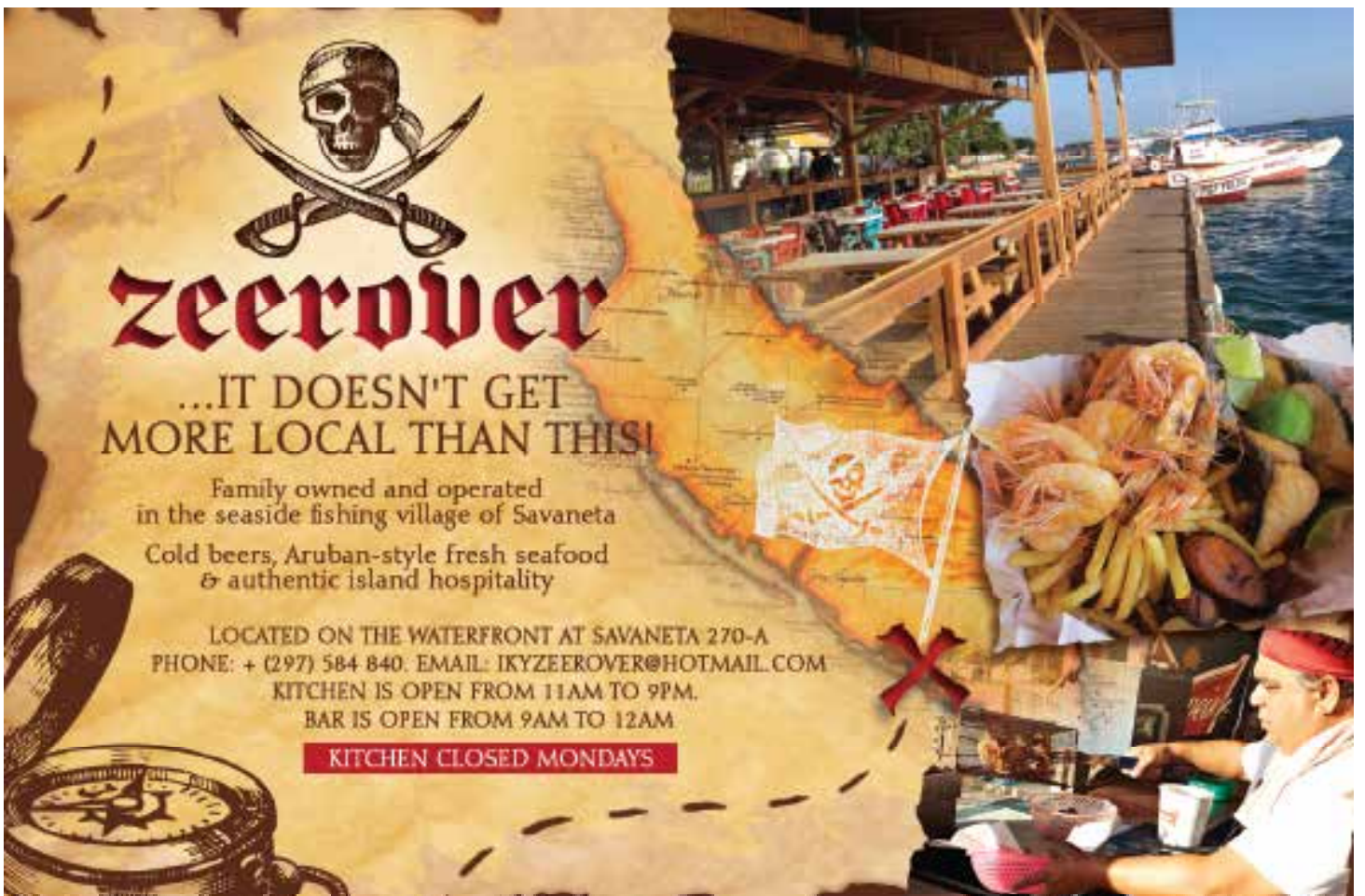
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This "something special" is exactly what so many visitors to Aruba are looking for when they are choosing where to dine, and there are a number of family-owned and -run restaurants offering just that. I handpicked a few of the standouts to get you started. While the cuisines offered by these four restaurants differ dramatically, they all have that special touch that only family can bring to your table.



Casa Tua

Renaissance Marketplace, Oranjestad
& Arawak Gardens, Palm Beach

Sitting with restaurateur David Nataf, I asked if food has always been a big part of his family. “All we think about is food and sex,” he answered matter-of-factly. When the Natafs get together, they start with aperitifs at 6 pm, then cook and drink for two to three hours while palling around and making fun of each other (this is what families do, after all), and then eat for another two to three hours.

It was during one of these family feasts in the Nataf’s homeland of France that David recently concocted a langostino pasta dish inspired by a trip he had just taken to Italy to shop for wines. He brought the dish back to Aruba, where it will soon be added to the menu of Casa Tua, the Italian eatery owned and operated by David and his brother, Gregory.

It’s certainly no surprise that these brothers opened a restaurant together. Having grown up in the kitchen of their father’s restaurant in the French Alps, Gregory and David Nataf



have the restaurant business in their blood. But why did these Frenchmen open an Italian restaurant? As explained by David, Italian food is comfort food, so it appeals to most people. Also, many Italian ingredients, such as calamari, oil, tomatoes, garlic, parsley, and other herbs, are the same ingredients used in Southern France.

Gregory is in charge of the oil and dough. Casa Tua makes its own oil in house by infusing it with a melange of herbs and chili peppers. It's highly recommended to drizzle it all over your pizza! And the dough? Thin-crust perfection. It's based on a family recipe that dates back to 1969, when Gregory and David's uncle learned how to make dough under a master dough maker from Sicily before opening his own food truck in the south of France.

David busies himself with creating the menu and arranging the restaurant décor. Referencing the beautiful furniture around us, David explained that the pieces were made in Indonesia according to designs he created. On a daily basis, both men are at the restaurant's two locations—Arawak Gardens in Palm Beach and Renaissance Market Place in Oranjestad—so much so that Casa Tua is a second home for them. Of course, as its name implies, it's your home as well.



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Though humble, Aruban-born chef Urvin Croes is one of Aruba's best. Trained in the Netherlands and in Italy, Urvin has enjoyed a solid career since he finished culinary school, winning prestigious gastronomic awards and working in fine establishments, including the Michelin-starred Grand Hotel Karel V in Utrecht, Holland.

It was here in Holland that Urvin met Mary, a fellow Aruban who was studying pharmaceuticals. They were housemates. He would whip up four- or five-course meals for Mary and other friends, and she would make Creole dishes for him. Urvin explains, "We communicated better through food. Food was one way of getting to know each other." In the process of getting to know each other through food, they fell in love. Although Aruban, Urvin grew up eating foods that reflected his family heritage: Chinese, Venezuelan, and German. It was Mary who introduced him to Caribbean Creole cooking when she prepared Aruban dishes for him in Holland, such as *keri keri* (shredded fish) and *stobas* (stews) made with cucumber, papaya, and plantain. Her input was the drive that motivated him to find out more about Caribbean cuisine.

Urvin got that chance when he and Mary moved back to their homeland of Aruba. Upon his return, Urvin joined the culinary artists at various famous kitchens on the island to further perfect his art. He also contributed his talent and energy to the successful launches of a number of restaurants here. Then in 2012, Urvin's dream of owning his own restaurant came true when he opened White Modern Cuisine at Palm Beach Plaza Mall, serving modern international cuisine with Aruban influences. "One of the reasons we named the restaurant as such is because the interior is completely white...no paintings on the walls, nothing...the dishes are the paintings," explains Urvin. And Urvin is the master painter, his creations as beautiful in appearance as they are delicious in taste.

Up until recently, the couple ran White with Urvin in the kitchen and Mary handling operations, but now Urvin can usually be found at his newest project, The Kitchen Table by White at Blue Residences. The cuisine? Modern Caribbean inspired by Aruba's food trucks. The concept? One seating per evening, the guests arranged at a table around the kitchen where they enjoy an eight-course gastronomic journey, paired with wine if desired. The walls here are far from white—the food is matched with colorful local art, which is for sale. Both the artwork and the menu change monthly.

Food has clearly brought Urvin and Mary together, and it brings their families together as well. Sunday is the day when their family members get together and cook up a big Creole-style soup or Chinese food. Urvin and Mary are grateful for the support of their families, who are some of their best clients. But their biggest support of all comes from the local community, which is eager to find out all the interesting twists that Urvin is putting on Aruban food.







Che Bar

Paseo Herencia, Palm Beach

The weekend barbecue gathering in Argentina—the asado—is one of Argentina’s cherished pastimes. Grilled meat—and lots of it—is the main item on the menu. Of course, there are always plenty of libations to wash down all the meat. Soccer and politics are usually the topics of discussion, and everyone likes to make sure they get their say. And at the heart of it all—the true essence of the asado—is family. Even if an attendee is not actual family, they are treated as such, with the host offering them the best of what he has to offer. Fortunately for visitors to Aruba and locals alike,



this essence is celebrated nightly at Che Bar, an authentic Argentinian bar and grill located at Paseo Herencia Mall in Palm Beach.

When Argentinian brothers Juan and Santiago Sonensein saw the corner space open two years ago, they knew it would be perfect. “It’s just like a bar you would find tucked away in the streets of Buenos Aires,” confirms Juan. The bar itself is small and cozy, which enables the bartender—either Juan or Santiago—to bond with clients. “I joke around and laugh a lot with the clients,” Juan explains, “just like families do.”

Juan and Santiago’s dad came up with the idea of naming the bar after one of the most common phrases in Argentina, “che,” which means “hey” or “buddy.” Che Bar embraces Argentina’s culture of grilling, offering chorizo, blood sausage, churrasco, and tira de asado (grilled beef short ribs). According to Juan, you can get something from the grill in less than ten minutes—perfect for hungry patrons looking for quality food without all the fuss. Of course, there’s more than just meat on offer. Argentinian empanadas are a must-try, and the house chimichurri sauce is touted as the best on the island. The brothers have even imported the famous Argentinian beer, Quilmes.

Sitting in the open air at Che Bar, noshing on sausages smothered in chimichurri, and throwing back a few bottle of Quilmes—sounds pretty great, right? The only thing that could make it any better is being among family, and Che Bar has that covered too.



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Hollywood Smokehouse Alhambra Casino & Shops

In 1941, Francisco Bislick opened The Hollywood Hotel in San Nicolas. Four generations later, in 2001, Michael Bislick took the reigns from his father, Mario, to run The Hollywood Bar, catering to thirsty refinery workers and merchant marines. In 2010, Michael's wife, Tina, brought her Southern roots into the mix, introducing San Nicolas and the island to their first taste of "low and slow" barbecue. The Hollywood Smokehouse was a favorite lunch venue of refinery workers, and also developed a loyal following of both locals and tourists who journeyed to the southern end of the island for smoked barbecue and Southern side dishes and desserts made with Tina's cherished family recipes. Tina's two children, Taylor and Brianna, helped out in

the kitchen and the front of the house during their breaks from college, with Taylor even documenting his experiences for his final dissertation at school.

The closing of the refinery in 2012 prompted the Bislicks to bring their Southern-style barbecue to the northwest end of the island, where they operated on weekends under a tent. Urged by family and friends in the community to once again open full-time, Michael and Tina are now enjoying Hollywood's new location at Alhambra Casino & Shops. It's here that the Bislicks have found their stride.

Tina's still in the kitchen filling orders for the smoked pork, brisket, and other delectables the restaurant has already





become famous for, but several new items have made their way onto the menu, including lettuce cups filled with smoked barbecue and three different tacos that won first prize at the Battle of the Food Trucks in 2013. These twists on traditional comfort food perfectly reflect the family's relationship with food. "We're a family of foodies. Of course, like true Southerners, we love our comfort food, but we also enjoy searching out new food experiences, especially when we travel together," explains Tina. She'll often try out her new ideas at large gatherings of family and friends at her house, always to the delight of her guests, and now these twists on traditional fare are being shared with patrons of Hollywood. The bar is no exception. Bartender and operations manager AJ Tromp is turning out the classics while also handcrafting his own unique cocktail twists, such as the Hollywood's signature blackberry

lemonade, The Bourbonwood.

Besides food, the Bislicks love their sports. Several flat screen TVs keep their fellow sports fans entertained. Taylor, who has now joined the family business full-time as a manager, will be more than happy to chat about the latest sports stats, especially if you're a fan of any of the Chicago sports teams. Tina and Mike will also pop their heads out of the kitchen now and then to check on the score of a game. And speaking of Chicago, Brianna lives and works there now, but when she's visiting her family in Aruba, she can't help but jump into the mix at Hollywood. Although the location has changed, the legacy of hospitality that began four generations ago with Michael's great-grandfather and The Hollywood Hotel continues on today! ■

Locals Love It!



Kukoo Kunuku Kid's Tour

Parents take note: kids can party on the Kukoo Kunuku bus too! Their tour is designed just for them with stops at the Butterfly Farm, the Donkey Sanctuary, and Phillip's Animal Garden...and adults enjoy it as well.



Zeerovers

It just does not get more local than this! Located in the sleepy fishing village of Savaneta, Zeerovers is an island institution—especially on Sundays—run by a local family of fishermen. Cheap cold beer, fried fresh fish, and a picturesque seaside locale make Zeerovers a must if you want to immerse yourself in authentic, unpretentious island ambiance.

Locals Love It!

Glitz Casino's Liquid Lounge

There is certainly plenty of top-notch gaming action to be found at the casino located within La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino, but locals also go there to enjoy the casino's Liquid Lounge. Casually sophisticated, the lounge has exciting live music to enjoy and dance to, as well as an array of televised live sports to watch while sipping martinis and mojitos.



Caribbean Clothing Company

There are several malls and shopping plazas in the hotel area, but many locals still love to shop downtown along the Main Street. Caribbean Clothing Company, located along the trolley route, is a favorite shop frequented by men and women in search of stylish resort wear and accessories for their Caribbean lifestyle.

Locals Love It!



Alhambra Casino & Shops

One of the island's newest shopping and entertainment venues is located in Eagle Beach. The breezy outdoor plaza invites visitors to stroll amongst an array of unique boutiques offering resort wear and swimwear, souvenirs, and gifts. A large coffee shop with alfresco seating; pizza, ice cream, and sandwich shops; a gourmet mini-mart; and an authentic Southern-style smokehouse restaurant make up the plaza's culinary offerings, and a chic wine and piano bar infuses energy into the nightlife scene. The lively Alhambra Casino entertains with all the latest slots, table games, and one of the most popular bingos on the island.

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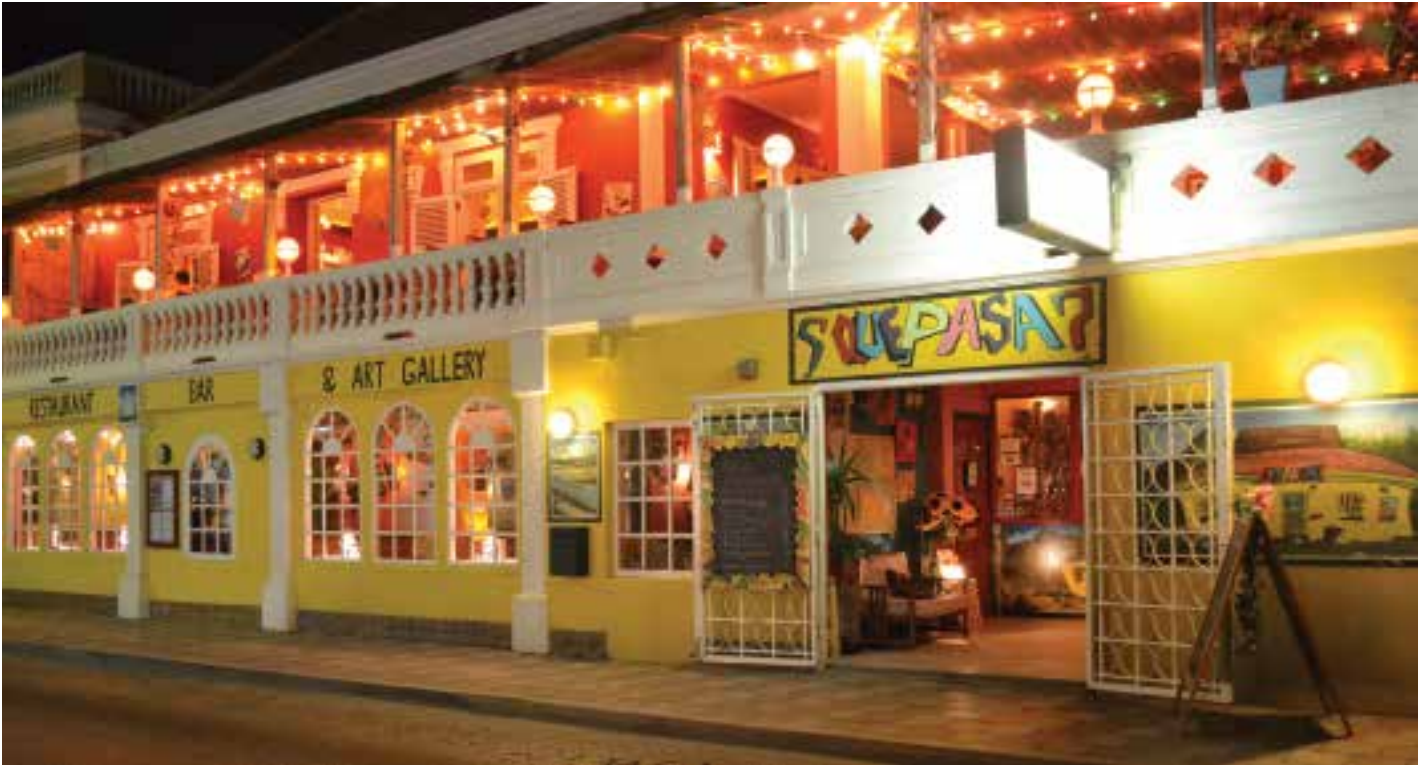
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Boca Catalina

This local beach offers instant walk-in access to a chain of reefs in shallow water, making it a great spot for snorkeling amongst abundant, colorful sea life.



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Bird

WATCHING

ON ARUBA





Soothing, relaxing, and connecting us with nature, birdwatching certainly has its merits. It's no wonder it's a growing hobby worldwide, and here in Aruba—with some 236 registered species of birds—locals and visitors to our island are captivated with “birding” opportunities. Aruba—with its semiarid climate, diverse flora and fauna, and unique landscapes of beaches, reefs, mangroves, marshes, rolling countryside, and lushly landscaped resorts—is a haven for species that take up permanent residence, as well as those species just passing through for rest and refueling before journeying on to North or South America.

Visitors to our island can easily access the Bubali Plas Bird Sanctuary—with a birdwatching tower overlooking marsh areas—located adjacent to The Mill Resort & Suites in the high-rise hotel area of Palm Beach. Other notable areas to observe a variety of bird species include Arikok National Park, Spaans Lagoen, Tierra del Sol, and the Arashi/California Lighthouse area.

Arubans are perhaps most proud of the local burrowing owl, known as the Shoko. Only found here on the island, the Shoko is an official national symbol of Aruba. It's quite shy, but with some patience, you can see this marvelous species in person and capture it on camera. Other birds that regularly grace the island's landscapes include:





- Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)
- Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)
- Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)
- White-cheeked Pintail (*Anas bahamensis*)
- Crested Caracara (*Caracara plancus*)
- Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)
- Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)
- Royal Tern (*Sterna maxima*)
- Bare-eyed Pigeon (*Columba corensis*)
- Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*)
- Common Ground-Dove (*Colombigallina passerina*)
- Brown-throated or Caribbean Parakeet (*Aratinga pertinax*)
- Ruby-topaz Hummingbird (*Chrysolampis mosquitos*)
- Blue-tailed Emerald (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*)
- Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*)
- Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*)
- Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*)
- Black-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris bicolor*)
- Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*)
- Carib Grackle (*Quiscalus lugubris*)
- Troupial (*Icterus icterus*)

An impressive list of migratory birds flock to Aruba every year (particularly in September/October) to escape the chill back home and indulge in our warm sunshine for a few days, weeks, or months. Some migratory birds use Aruba as a nesting ground, producing and nurturing their offspring here. Birdwatchers can spy several varieties of herons, osprey, spoonbills, kites, hawks, falcons, coots, egrets, flamingos, and hundreds of other species.





Aruba's Birds

Aruba's WaraWara



About our photographer Damilice Mansur

Mindlessly scrolling through my Facebook news feed one day, images of colorful, exotic birds jumped off the page. I was very surprised to see that not only did these striking images capture birds found practically right at my back door, but they were also photographed by a local acquaintance, Damilice Mansur. I knew that Damilice has her roots firmly entrenched in the family business—the island’s most widely read newspaper, the *Diario*—and that she is an organizer of such notable events as Aruba In Style Fashion Week, but I had no idea that for several years Damilice has been quietly honing her skills photographing wildlife and landscapes as well.

Her passion for wildlife photography was born not here in Aruba, but in the wilds of Alaska, one of her favorite vacation destinations. With so much natural beauty and wildlife at every turn, Damilice spent most of the vacation soaking up Alaska through her lens. Friends and family were impressed with her images, and she was also interested in learning more about wildlife photography.

The budding photographer was further intrigued by Aruba’s flora and fauna—birds in particular. So many of us go about our day-to-day activities, never even noticing the extraordinary birds living around us. Some are in plain sight; others require patience and a keen eye. For Damilice, seeking these birds out has become her Zen time—a calming retreat. She and her companion, a Nikon D4S with a 600 mm F4 lens,



can spend hours amongst the cacti or hidden behind a dune near the seaside just waiting for that one perfect shot. Other times she captures an image right in her own backyard. One of her all-time favorite shots was taken in her parent's yard: a hummingbird sipping on the nectar of a hibiscus bloom. One of Damilice's favorite birds to shoot is our local burrowing owl, the Shoko, and the photographer also looks forward to Aruba's autumn months, when flocks of migrating birds arrive on the island.

To view more of Damilice's images, go to her Facebook page, Damilice Photography, and her website, www.damilice.com. ■

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-Damilice Mansur





Aruba's Shoko



Coffee

CULTURE IN ARUBA

For so many of us, coffee is such an important part of our day—whether it's a necessary part of our morning wake-up routine, a good excuse for us to meet up with friends, or a nice way to cap off an evening meal. Here in Aruba, we take coffee as seriously as you do, which is why you'll have no problem finding plenty of cafés to get your coffee fix.

The only question is, what type of coffee experience are you looking for? Do you want to treat your taste buds to a hot cuppa

coffee made from beans grown only a hop, skip, and a jump away in the Andes Mountains? Do you prefer whiling away the afternoon with friends in a European-style café in a cozy corner, sipping lattes and mochas and sharing three different kinds of cake? Or do you simply need a quick but delicious pick-me-up on your way to the beach? In other words, do you want to go Colombian, Dutch, or American style when having your coffee in Aruba?



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We're all pretty familiar with Starbucks' huge array of coffee offerings, including brewed coffees, hot and cold espresso drinks, and its famous frappuccinos. And we all know that Starbucks will go to great lengths to customize your coffee exactly how you want it: I'll have a half-decaf, double-tall, sugar-free-vanilla, 2%, extra-foam, 150-degree, no-whip mocha, please. Sound familiar? There's also that incredible level of customer service we've all come to appreciate at Starbucks. What you might not know is that Starbucks carries coffees from three distinct regions of the world—Latin America, Africa/ Arabia, and Asia/ Pacific—promising a variety of distinct flavor profiles. And did you know that Starbucks is one of the largest purchasers of Fair Trade Certified coffee in the world?

Aruba has three Starbucks cafés, two located in downtown Oranjestad, and one in the high-rise hotel area. In addition to all the familiar coffee drinks, these cafés offer locally made sweet and savory eats. All three cafés have plenty of room for sitting with friends, or maybe you're solo and just want to plug in and enjoy the free Wi-Fi. But if grabbing and going is your intention, those trusty Starbucks baristas will have your handcrafted beverage in your hand and out the door within three minutes.

Locations & Opening Hours:

Starbucks Market Place. Open Sunday through Thursday,

7 am to 10 pm; Friday & Saturday, 7 am to 11 pm

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Have a “Wrong” Coffee with the Right Friends

The Dutch have a rich coffee history. It all started when a Dutch merchant smuggled a few coffee bushes out of Yemen in 1616. The prized bushes were nurtured in greenhouses in Amsterdam and later transported to the various Dutch colonies for cultivation. Being the master traders they were, the Dutch turned their colonies (primarily Java and Suriname) into the main suppliers of coffee to Europe by the late 1600s.

Today, the Netherlands ranks as one of the top coffee-consuming countries in the world. There’s no doubt about it: the Dutch like their coffee. But it’s more than just that: they typically have their coffee in the company of friends, family, and co-workers. In short, the Dutch coffee-drinking experience is a decidedly social one.

The Dutch typically enjoy getting together for a mid-morning coffee break, while an after-dinner coffee is also quite popular. Like other Europeans, the Dutch tend to like their coffee strong. Filter coffee is the norm, but coffee pod machines (which make that nice crema layer on top) have also gained in popularity. Cafés also serve espresso drinks, including straight espresso, cappuccino, and koffie verkeerd (literally “wrong coffee” because it has more milk than coffee). And for a special Dutch touch, a single cookie is often served along with your coffee beverage.

When in Aruba, do as the Dutch do: grab a cozy spot and have your coffee with friends—and for that, Smit & Dorlas Coffee House is the perfect place. Inspired by the coffeehouses of Europe, Smit & Dorlas Coffee House exudes class, elegance, and charm. It serves Smit & Dorlas coffee, a famous blend of coffees from Colombia, Brazil, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Kenya, and other coffee countries. A comprehensive menu offers all the usual suspects—espressos, cappuccinos, macchiatos, lattes, and mochas—in addition to homemade frappuccinos. If coffee isn’t your thing, the coffeehouse offers an incredible selection of loose teas from China, Sri Lanka, and India, all beautifully displayed in large glass jars lining the walls. You’ll get that little Dutch cookie along with your coffee or tea selection, but we suggest going for the whole shebang by ordering from the selection of homemade cakes, quiches, and panini.

Locations & Opening Hours:

De la Sallestraat 30, Oranjestad

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You know the saying: America runs on Dunkin'—yep, even in Aruba! If it's that classic, toasted flavor with a smooth finish that you're looking for, pay a visit to any one of Aruba's six Dunkin' Donuts locations. Not only does Dunkin' Donuts freshly grind its 100% Arabica coffee beans moments before brewing, but it also brews continually throughout the day, ensuring a fresh cup of coffee any time. You want options, you say? In addition to their brewed coffee (hot or iced), Dunkin' Donuts offers espressos, cappuccinos, and lattes (hot or iced), which are all made with 100% Fair Trade Certified espresso beans. Its Dunkaccino combines coffee and hot chocolate, and who could go wrong with one of the refreshing Frozen Coffee Coolattas when you're in Aruba? When you factor in the various add-ins, such as the Turbo Shot of espresso, the presweetened Flavor Swirls, and the sugar-free Flavor Shots, there must be literally thousands of ways to have your coffee at Dunkin' Donuts! (And yeah, better pick out a donut or two for something delicious to dunk in that equally delicious coffee.) ■

Locations & Opening Hours:

Playa Linda Beach Resort, De Palm Pier, Tropicana Resort, Alhambra Shopping Bazaar, Seaport Market Place, Tankiflip. Open 6:30 am to 11:30 pm





Words by Tina Causey-Bislick

Island Spa *Indulgences*

For many vacationers, being pampered in a spa is the ultimate way to unwind and let go of the daily stresses back home. Aruba offers the spa-goer a variety of day spas to choose from, each uniquely imbuing the spirit of the Island—from quaint outdoor beach cabanas to state-of-the-art treatment rooms.

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A variety of specialty local signature treatments, indigenous scrubs, and spiritual baths are offered. Inspired by the Island's ancient philosophies of health, beauty, and wellness, these treatments incorporate the healing properties of native plants, botanical blossoms, herbs, minerals, and fruits, including aloe, cactus, coconut, and oil sourced from divi-divi trees.

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Mandara Spa Aruba, located in Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club, is the first location in the Caribbean for this resort-spa management company that has more than 60 spas in luxury resort properties around the world. Mandara Spa offers unique treatments within a friendly, relaxed, and open environment accented by a contemporary Balinese-style interior design. This 6,500-square-foot spa is the largest professional spa on the Island, housing four VIP couple treatment rooms with extra-large Jacuzzi baths or Vichy showers, plus eight individual treatment rooms, indoor and outdoor relaxation areas, a steam room, and an exclusive nail/hair salon.

Locations:

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Hours of Operation: Fitness Center: 24 hours. Spa & Salon: 9 am to 8 pm





ZoiA

SPA

Immerse yourself in healing tranquility at Hyatt Regency Aruba's newly renovated ZoiA Spa. One of the top spas in Aruba, ZoiA—meaning balance or poise in Papiamentu—houses eight treatment rooms, many of which offer an indoor/outdoor experience, and all of which offer an extensive spa menu with aloe as the central theme. Using native ingredients, hand-pressed oils, and home-grown herbs, the Aruba-inspired, all-natural treatments are based on the colors of the Aruban flag (yellow, white, blue, and red) and four key Caribbean elements: sun, sand, sea, and love. With relaxing massages, refreshing facials, and rejuvenating treatments, you will feel your cares melt away at this peaceful island spa retreat.

Location:

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Website: <http://aruba.hyatt.com/hyatt/pure/spas/>

Hours of Operation:

Daily from 8:30 am to 8 pm



Larimar Spa

This award-winning day spa derives its name from the aqua-colored healing stones that are indigenous to the Caribbean. Named a “Hot Spa” by *Condé Nast Traveller*, Larimar Spa is a tranquil oasis of bamboo and water features surrounded by ten treatment rooms where guests can enjoy a full menu of services such as the Atlantis Escape with Volcanic Stones Body Treatment, the Relax & Reflect Body Treatment, and the ESPA Pure Radiance Facial. At Larimar Spa, we offer spa experiences created by ESPA, our prestigious skincare partner. Inspired by natural, aromatic, and indigenous ingredients, we have designed signature journeys that evoke a true feeling of our Caribbean island. These new treatments generate outstanding results for mind and body that can be enjoyed as a couple or individually.

Location:

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Indulgence by the Sea has both spa and salon locations at Divi Aruba All Inclusive Beach Resort and Divi Tamarijn Aruba, respectively. The spa offers an extensive list of relaxing signature treatments, such as the Luscious Body—an incredibly indulgent treatment that rejuvenates the skin from head to toe with a full-body exfoliation using raw-sugarcane granules and rich virgin coconut oils, a mango wrap rich in enzymes to dissolve dryness, fine lines, and pigmentation, and a full-body massage with watermelon, papaya, and rich virgin coconut oils to firm and deeply moisturize your skin. Spa owner Angie Wallace has handpicked and tested all of the organic and natural products used in the spa's treatments. Indulgence by the Sea also specializes in bridal parties and special occasions. Relax, reflect, revitalize, and rejoice at Indulgence by the Sea.

Locations:

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Hours of Operation: Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm,
Sundays from 9 am to 4 pm





This locally owned and operated day spa offers an intimate boutique-style experience. The full-service spa, with convenient parking, invites patrons to enjoy facials, scrubs, manicures and pedicures, and a variety of massages including deep tissue, hot stone, reflexology, and aromatherapy. This spa is one of the few on the island specializing in Thai massage—where body manipulation and deep static and rhythmic pressures form the core of the massage. Shalom's hair salon is a convenient option for a quick trim or a blowout before your special night out on the island!

Location:

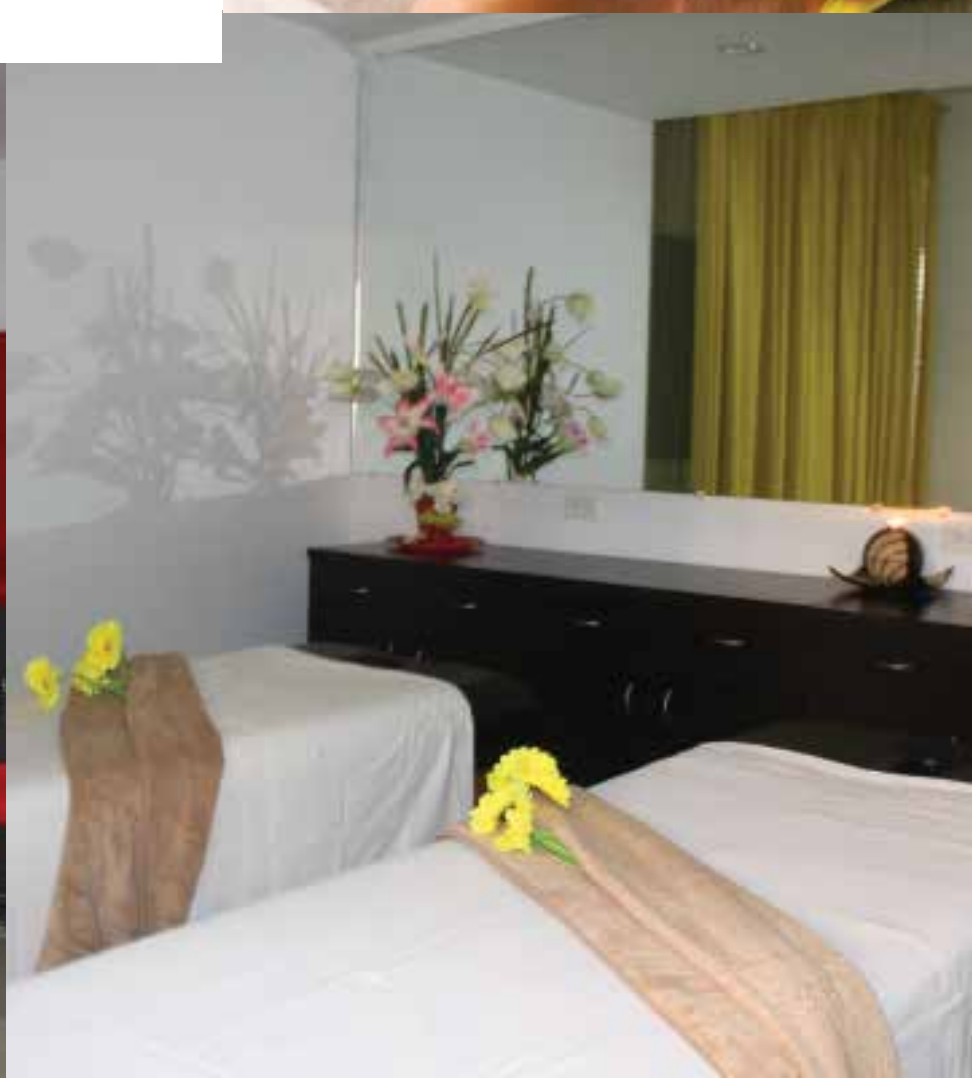
Location: Alhambra Casino & Shops, Eagle Beach

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HOLIDAYS



the Aruban Way

Undoubtedly, Aruba is a popular destination, boasting some of the best beaches and consistently gorgeous weather in the Caribbean. But it's also a culturally diverse island where unique holidays with homegrown traditions are celebrated throughout the entire year. Even worldwide holidays like Christmas and New Year are infused with a special Aruban flavor. Mark your calendar, because locals are more than happy to share their customs with curious island guests.

Betico Day: January 25

This national holiday commemorates the birthday of the “Liberator of Aruba,” G. F. (Betico) Croes. This late charismatic political leader was the driving force behind Aruba’s long-desired separation from the Netherlands Antilles on January 1, 1986. Consequently, Aruba became an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with the power to establish its own constitution, parliament, police force, currency, national anthem, and flag.

On this holiday, Arubans gather at Plaza Betico Croes, where a daylong program is dedicated to their esteemed “Aruban Father of the Nation.” Island guests are welcome to attend a special flag ceremony in the morning as well as a variety of evening activities—a culinary festival, a bazaar of local goods, and a cultural show featuring Aruban folk dances, like waltz and mazurka, as well as Carnival music and dance. Betico Day is also marked by an island-wide Harley Davidson bike tour welcoming international riders and two marathons held in Betico’s hometown, Santa Cruz.



Betico Day



Carnaval

Carnaval: January/February

Arubans love Carnival. It's such an important part of the Island's culture. Most of the Carnival parades take place in San Nicolas and Oranjestad. Each parade consists of about 15 to 20 Carnival groups, each with its own theme reflected by the group's floats and costumes. Participants spend months preparing their glittery and often barely-there costumes. (After all, Carnival, which means "farewell to flesh," is the last hurrah before the abstinent period of Lent.) Some of the costumes are so immense and heavy that they trail their owners on wheels. Each Carnival group shimmies to the beat of its own band stationed on a truck that moves along with the group. These bands also infuse spectators lining the parade route with the intense energy of Carnival.

Jouvert Morning is also a Carnival staple in Aruba. This event is a jump-up, wherein revelers dance through the streets following calypso and soca bands. Pajamas are the preferred attire since Jouvert Morning begins in the wee hours of the morning in the streets of downtown San Nicolas.



National Anthem & Flag Day

National Anthem and Flag Day: March 18

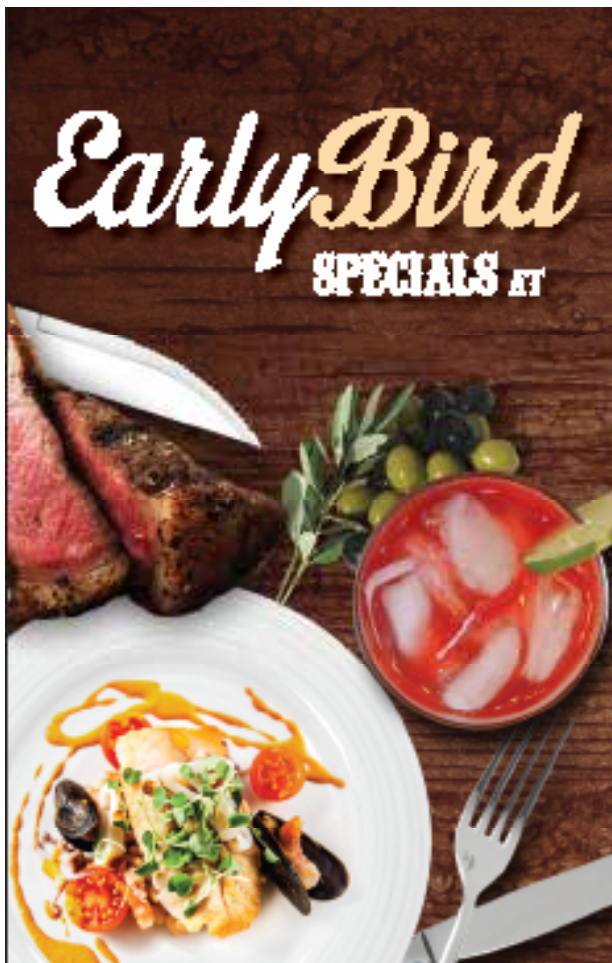
At a conference in The Hague, Holland, on March 18, 1948, the late Aruban politician Shon A. Eman presented the first formal proposal for Aruba's separation and independence from the Netherlands Antilles. On this same day in 1976, Betico Croes inaugurated both an Aruban flag and anthem and declared the first National Anthem and Flag Day. Arubans are especially proud of their beautiful anthem, "Aruba Dushi Tera," a waltz composed by celebrated Aruban artists Juan Chabaya "Padu" Lampe and Rufo Wever.

Arubans celebrate this patriotic holiday with a morning scout parade, a classic car parade, and a folkloric performance at Plaza Betico Croes in Oranjestad. Special cultural activities are held at the Historical Museum at Fort Zoutman, the National Archive of Aruba, and the Aruban Antique and Heritage Museum, while sporting events are held nationwide in the various neighborhoods. Guests who venture beyond their hotels on this special day are guaranteed to encounter some of these interesting local festivities.

King's Day: April 27

Arubans celebrated the official birthday and coronation of their king, King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands, for the first time in 2014.

Aruba and the Netherlands had been celebrating Queen's Day on April 30, which is the birthday of the late Queen Juliana, since 1949. But when Willem-Alexander was crowned king in 2013, the holiday was moved to his birthday, April 27. Celebratory activities include official ceremonies, kite-flying competitions, sporting events, parades featuring national music, and other family activities, all of which encourage and reflect national unity and togetherness.



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Dera Gai (St. John's Day): June 24

Dera Gai—which translates to “burying of the rooster” in the local language—is a cultural festival which has been celebrated for about 100 years on Aruba with traditional song and dance. This holiday is rife with both pagan and Christian symbolism reflecting the influences of the Arawak natives and Spanish missionaries on the island, respectively.

Traditionally, the Dera Gai celebration was centered around an unusual ritual. A hole was dug in the ground, and a live rooster was buried in the hole up to its neck. Blindfolded revelers would then be given three tries to decapitate the rooster with a long pole (piñata-style). (The Catholics considered this ritual to be symbolic of the decapitation of St. John the Baptist, while the pagans believed that the spilling of the blood would fertilize the earth for the next growing season.) The one to carry out the deed was rewarded with bottles of alcohol and other prizes.

Today, a more humane approach is taken. For example, at the Dera Gai celebration in Santa Cruz—one of the biggest Dera Gai celebrations on the Island—revelers are blindfolded and tasked with locating a flag staked into the ground while swaying their hips to the rhythms of a band. Every now and then, the coordinator of the game fools the blindfolded participants by moving the flag while the game is in progress. Folk dance groups also reenact the burying and decapitation of the rooster using a plastic rooster. Decked out in bright yellow-and-red costumes—the yellow said to represent the bloom of the local kibrahacha tree in the month of June—these groups also perform harvest dance rituals.

Many years ago, bonfires were built on the eve of St. John's Day in order to communicate the arrival of the holiday to neighbors. The old clippings from the previous year's harvest would be burnt in preparation for the coming growing season. Nowadays, the fires are burnt island-wide on St. John's Day itself, serving as an olfactory reminder of this unique local festival.



Dera Gai

Sinterklaas: Mid-November through December 6

Sinterklaas is a Dutch holiday figure representing Saint Nicholas, a third-century bishop who became the patron saint of children and had a penchant for giving gifts. By adding a few jolly pounds around his middle and exchanging his bishop robes for a red suit, North Americans have transformed Sinterklaas into their beloved Santa Claus. Although the Dutch celebrate Christmas, they still also celebrate the tradition of Sinterklaas on the days leading up to his feast day, December 6; true to their Dutch roots, Arubans do the same.



Sinterklaas

In mid-November, Arubans welcome Sinterklaas, his white horse, and a handful of helpers—called Zwarte Pieten—as they sail into Aruba’s harbor from Spain. (Saint Nicholas was also the patron saint of sailors.) A parade follows, with Sinterklaas and the Zwarte Pieten throwing treats to the children. On the days leading up to the 6th, Sinterklaas—with his long white beard, saintly attire, and golden staff—is difficult to miss as he and his helpers make appearances at events sponsored by schools and businesses all across the island.

On several evenings leading up to December 6, children put out their shoes along with carrots and water for Sinterklaas’ horse, hoping to find their shoes filled with goodies upon waking. Chocolate letters, chocolate coins, gingerbread cookies, and small toys are cherished treats. Sinterklaas makes his final gift-giving rounds on the night of the 5th, the eve of his feast day.



Ayacas

Ayacas: Christmas Holiday

Just as American families get into the Christmas holiday spirit by gathering together to bake cookies, Aruban families get together to make a traditional holiday food called ayacas. Usually made in huge batches and then frozen a few weeks before Christmas day, ayacas make a convenient treat to take to last-minute holiday parties or serve to unexpected visitors during the Christmas season. Ayacas originate in Venezuela, but Arubans have added their own Caribbean twists to this tasty meat roll.

To make ayacas, plantain or banana leaves are cut and then boiled.

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Meanwhile, a filling of chicken, pork, and spices is simmered and a cornmeal-based dough is made. The dough is spread on the boiled leaves and then topped with some of the meat mixture along with a potpourri of prunes, raisins, olives, pickles, cashews, ham, piccalilli, and onion. The leaf is folded over once and then reinforced by another leaf. Then the whole packet is tied with string and boiled in salted water for about an hour. Dushi!

Gaita Bands: Christmas Holiday

Ayacas came from Venezuela, and so did gaita music. Arubans have adopted this Venezuelan Christmas music and turned it into their own holiday tradition. Gaita bands—typically made up of a line of female singers accompanied by musicians playing the furuku, cuarta, base, piano, tambu, raspa, timbal, and conga—perform from October through December at shopping malls and other island businesses as well as in private residences. Their festive rhythms put passers-by and party-goers into the holiday spirit.

Dande: New Year

While Americans celebrate the tradition of caroling to spread Christmas tidings, Arubans celebrate Dande to spread best wishes for the New Year. During Dande—which means “to revel” or “to carouse” in the local language, Papiamentu—groups made up of five to six people, maybe even more, travel around to the homes of their family and friends, wishing these loved ones success and happiness in the coming year through song. Each group includes a principal vocalist and musicians armed with instruments, including a drum, tambu, wiri, and raspa. The festive, upbeat rhythm and simple chorus of Dande songs are contagious. One member of each Dande group carries a hat for donations that will be divided among the group later in the evening. Aruban families feel especially honored and fortunate to be visited by a Dande group during the New Year holiday.



Gaitas



Dande

Pagara: New Year

New Year's Eve on Aruba is a spectacular affair: a nationwide firework display will take the breath away of any visitor lucky enough to ring in the New Year on the island. Of the variety of fireworks set off, the pagara carries special significance. The pagara—a long string of Chinese firecrackers that ends in several larger ones for a dramatic finale—are set off by residences and local businesses on the days leading up to New Year's Eve in order to ward off evil spirits for the coming year. The length of a pagara sometimes reflects a business's success in the previous year, and some pagaras can last as long as a half hour once lit! Such an event is no small deal; businesses and families schedule the lighting of a pagara days in advance so that as many onlookers as possible can attend. If it sounds as though a gigantic batch of popcorn is being popped up close by, it is most probably a pagara being set off. Go see it!



Pagara



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What's New?!

Many of Aruba's guests return year after year. So what's new since you were last here? We saw many new arrivals in 2014, and included here are some of our favorites to add to your 2015 vacation itinerary.

Taste of Belgium's new brunch is a nostalgic hit

It's a refreshing addition to the island's Sunday brunch scene and a wink to the glory days of the late Le Dôme restaurant. The owners of Taste of Belgium (formerly the owners of Le Dôme) have recaptured the successful swinging, magic formula. Sunday brunch starts at 11 am and continues on until each guest has left the place singing, dancing, and with thoroughly satisfied tummies.

No need to get up: the waiters take your order from the special brunch à la carte menu. Classic Le Dôme favorites are on the menu with new and exciting options to try as well, served along with bubbly mimosas. The menu is divided into breakfast, hot and cold lunch items, as well as desserts. Whether one wishes to start with a chocolate mousse and finish with scrambled eggs with salmon or the other way round, it's all possible. Order whatever you like, as many times as you like—eat 15 main courses or 17 desserts! The staff is there to make and keep you happy, so don't feel shy—order the wonderful escargots or the scampi one more time!



Eat, drink, and chill at Arubaville

This laid-back bar and casual restaurant is on a lovely pier overlooking the tranquil aqua waters of the Spanish Lagoon. Formerly Marandi restaurant, Arubaville now emanates that special island charm that invites all to hang out and relax any time of day, starting with lunch. Enjoy a picturesque sunset on the elevated Chill Deck overlooking the lagoon with beer specials and island cocktails, and then stay for a casual dinner with a gourmet island touch.

Loretti Design offers unique handcrafted jewelry

Dutch local Deborah de Weerd has launched a beautiful jewelry line that was officially certified as “Made in Aruba Artesania.” The Loretti Royal Collection, worn by Aruba’s favorite fashionista—Queen Maxima of the Netherlands—features sculpted Murano glass in an array of brilliant colors threaded on leather strands or fabric ropes and finished with silver hook clasps. Deborah’s collections can be viewed on Facebook under Loretti Design. The Loretti Studio in Aruba is located at Paradera Park Apartments (582-3289).




InselAir Aruba adds Miami flight

InselAir has been the go-to airline for travel to neighboring countries like Curacao, Bonaire, and several South American destinations. InselAir Aruba is now offering nonstop service to and from Miami, Florida. The first flight to Miami was inaugurated on April 11, 2014, and the carrier has received such great response that now four weekly flights are offered. The Aruba-Miami route is serviced every Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, departing Aruba at 11:30 am. The Miami-to-Aruba leg departs at 4 pm, arriving on the island at 7 pm. Locals have been enjoying the monetary savings on this flight as it is markedly less expensive than the major U.S. carriers’ fares to and from Aruba.



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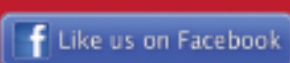
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